INJUNCTIONS

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TO THE

Archbishops

OF THIS

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To be Communicated by them to the Bishops and the rest of the Clergy.

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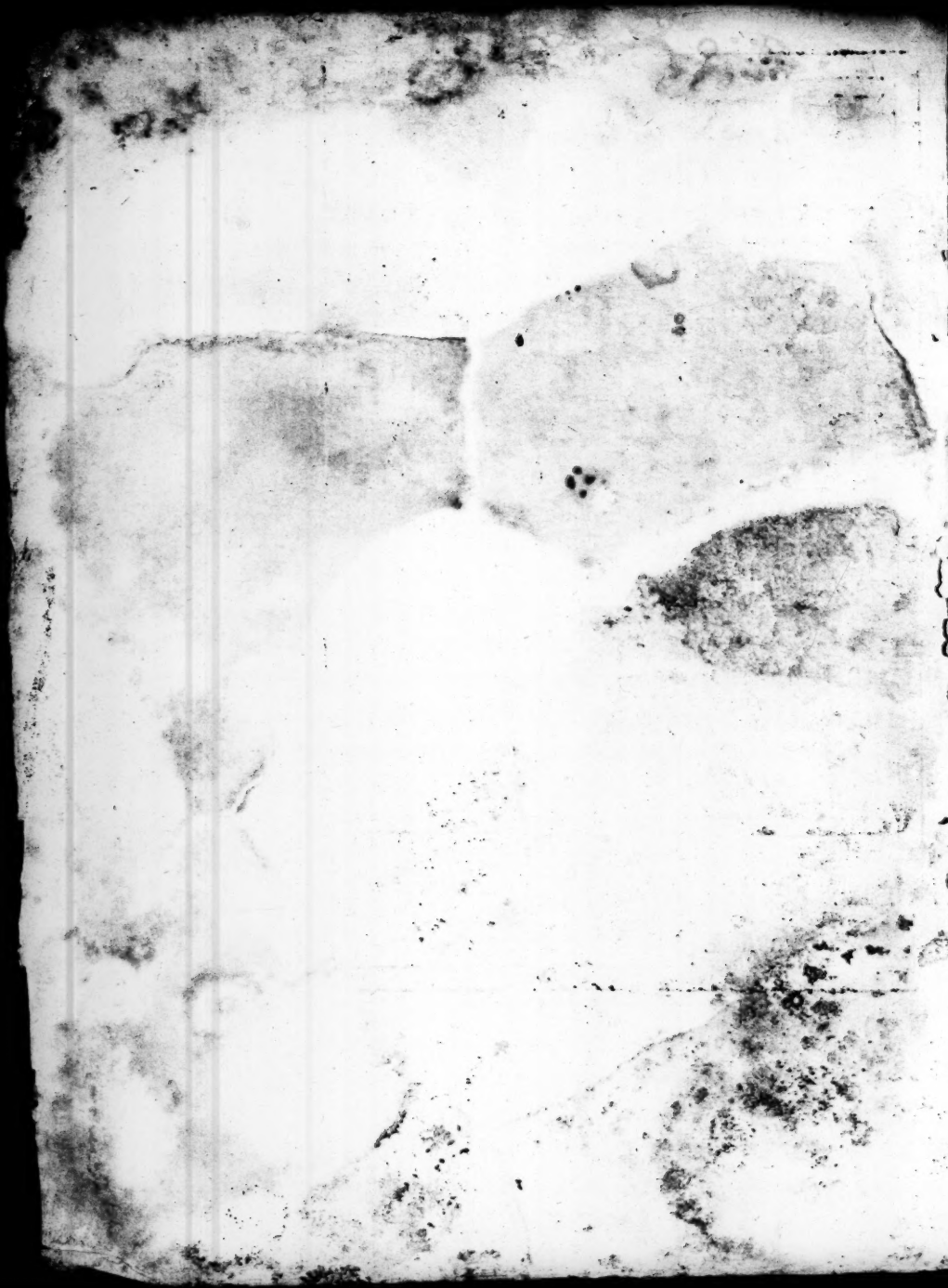

To the Moſt Reverend Father in God, Our Right Truſty and Right Entirely beloved Counſellor, Thomas *Lord Archbiſhop of* Canterbury: *And to the Moſt Reverend Father in God,* John *Lord Archbiſhop of* York.

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MOſt Reverend Father in God, Our Right Truſty and Right Entirely beloved Counſellor; and Moſt Reverend Father in God; We Greet you well. We being very ſenſible, that nothing can more effectually conduce to the Honour and

Glory of God, and the Support of the Proteſtant Religion, than the Protecting and Maintaining of the Church of *England*, as it is by Law eſtabliſhed; which We are reſolved to do to the utmoſt of Our Power; Have therefore upon mature Deliberation with you and other Our Biſhops, by virtue of Our Royal and Supreme Authority, thought fit with the Advice of Our Privy Council to ordain and publiſh the following Injunctions.

An. Do. 1603. I. That the 34th and 35th Canons concerning Ordinations be ſtrictly obſerved.

II. That every Perſon to be admitted to

Holy

Holy Orders do signify his Name and the place of his Abode to the Bishop fourteen Days before he is ordained, to the end that enquiry may be made into his Life and Conversation. And that he appear at the furthest on Thursday in Ember-week, that so such who upon Examination shall be found fit, may have time to prepare themselves by Fasting and Prayer, before the day of Ordination.

III. That every Bishop shall be well satisfied, that all Persons that are to be ordained have a real Title with a sufficient Maintenance, according to the 33th Canon, in A. D. 1603. which matter We require the Bishops to use an especial care.

IV. That a Certificate of the Age of the Person to be ordained, be brought, if it can be, out of the Parish Register, or at least a Certificate very well attested.

V. That the part of the 34th Canon, which A. D. 1603. relates to the giving of Certificates concerning the Lives and Manners of those who are to be ordained, be strictly looked to. And that the Bishops lay it on the Consciences of the Clergy, that they sign no Certificates, unless, upon their own knowledge, they judge the persons to be duly qualified.

VI. That

VI. That every Bishop shall transmit, between Michaelmas and Christmas, to the Arch-Bishop of the Province, a List of all such Persons as have been ordained by him during that year, according to the Constitutions in the year 1584. in order to be put in a publick Register, which shall be prepared by you for that Use.

Articuli pro Clero.

VII. That the Bishops shall reside in their Dioceses, and shall take care to oblige their Clergy to such Residence as the Laws of the Land and the Canons do require, particularly the 41st Canon.

A. D. 1603.

VIII. That they who keep Curates, have none but such as are licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese, or in exempt Jurisdictions by the Ordinary of the Place having Episcopal Jurisdiction, as is required both by the Act of Uniformity and the 48th Canon, that so when the Incumbent does not reside, the Bishop, or such Ordinary, may know how the Cure is supplyed; And that no Person shall presume to serve any Cure without Licence from the Bishop, or such Ordinary, upon pain of Suspension.

A. D. 1603.

IX. That you use your most effectual endeavours to suppress the great Abuses occasioned by Pluralities, and restrain them as much as you can, except where the Parishes lie near one another, and the Livings are small;

ſmall: That all Qualifications be carefully examined: We being determined to have no Chaplains to be qualified by Us, but ſuch as are admitted to attend upon Us. And that due Caution be taken before any Faculty is granted. And that ſuch Perſons as are legally qualified ſhall reſide at leaſt two Months in the Year in each of their Livings; and provide a Curate to ſerve where they are not in perſon, with a due Maintenance to be determin'd by the Biſhop of the Dioceſs, unleſs the two Parihes lie ſo near, that the Incumbent can conſtantly ſerve both Cures.

X. That the Biſhops ſhall look to the Lives and Manners of their Clergy, that they may be in all things regular and exemplary, according to the 75th Canon. A. D. 1603.

XI. That the Biſhops do uſe their utmoſt Endeavour to oblige their Clergy to have publick Prayers in the Church, not only on Holy-days and Litany-days, but as often as may be, and to celebrate the Holy Sacrament frequently.

XII. That the Biſhops ſhall require the Clergy to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours, that the Lord's day be Religiouſly obſerved. That they ſet a good Example to their People, and exhort them frequently to their Duty herein.

XIII. That

XIII. That the Bishops remind their Clergy to visit the Sick frequently, and require them to perform that Duty with great Care and Diligence according to the
A. D. 1603. 67th Canon.

XIV. That Catechising be duly perform'd
A. D. 1603. according to the 59th Canon.

XV. That the Bishops be careful to Confirm, not only in their Triennial Visitations, but at other convenient Seasons.

XVI. That care be taken, that the Arch-Deacons make their Visitations personally; and that, as much as may be, they live within the Bounds of their Jurisdiction, and do their Duty according to the Canons.

XVII. That no Commutation of Penance shall be made, but by the express Order and Directions of the Bishop himself, which shall be declared in open Court. And that the Commutation-Money shall be applied only to pious and charitable Uses, according to the Articuli pro Clero made in the year 1584. and the Constitutions made in the year 1597.

XVIII. That no Licence for Marriage without Banns shall be granted by any Ecclesiastical

eſiaſtical Judge, without firſt taking the Oaths of two ſufficient Witneſſes, and alſo ſufficient Security for performance of the Conditions of the Licence according to the 102d. and 103d. Canons. A. D. 1603.

THeſe Injunctions We do require you to tranſmit to the Biſhops of your reſpective Provinces, to be by them communicated to their Clergy, and to be ſtrictly obſerved, and often inquired after both by you and them. For as We Eſteem it the chief part of Our Princely Care to promote true Religion, as it is eſtabliſhed in this Church; and in order thereunto We have determin'd not to diſ-

poſe of any Church Preferments in Our Gift, but to ſuch of Our Clergy as We ſhall have reaſon to believe do live moſt exemplarily, and preach and watch moſt faithfully over the People committed to their Charge; So We aſſure Our Self, that theſe Our pious Intentions will be effectually ſeconded by you and the reſt of Our Biſhops; And that you will without Favour or partial Affection, ſtudy to ſuppreſs Impiety and Vice, and to reform all Diſorders, as far as in you lies. Well knowing that nothing will

will ſo much advance the great ends of Religion, and ſo certainly ſecure and eſtabliſh this Church, as the exemplary Lives and faithful Labours of thoſe who miniſter in it. And ſo We commend Our Self to your Prayers, and bid you very heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at Kenſington *the Fifteenth day of* February 169$\frac{4}{5}$. *in the Seventh year of Our Reign.*

By His Majeſties Command,

SHREWSBURY.